

REMARKS

The foregoing Amendment and Remarks which follow are responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 13, 2005 in relation to the above-identified patent application. In that Restriction Requirement, the Examiner requested restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of seven purportedly patentably distinct species of the present invention and including, in particular:

- Species I: Figure 2;
- Species II: Figures 3-3a;
- Species III: Figures 4-4c;
- Species IV: Figures 5-5a;
- Species V: Figures 6-6c;
- Species VI: Figure 7; and
- Species VII: Figure 8.

Responsive to this Restriction Requirement, Applicant hereby provisionally elects, without traverse, Species I for initial prosecution on the merits. In accordance with this election, by this Amendment, Applicant has withdrawn Claims 4-6, 8, 11 and 13-14 and has cancelled Claims 15-20. Independent Claim 1, in its current form, is believed to be generic with respect to Species I, III and IV. Accordingly, upon any allowance of Claim 1, Applicant shall seek reinstatement of the withdrawn Claims 4-6 and 8. Claims 2-3 as originally filed are believed to be within the scope of Applicant's election.

Similarly, independent Claim 10, in its current form, is believed to be generic with respect to Species I, III and IV. Accordingly, upon any allowance of Claim 10, Applicant shall seek reinstatement of the withdrawn Claims 11 and 13-14. Claim 12 is believed to be within the scope of Applicant's election.

Finally, Claims 21-26 have been added into prosecution and are believed to be drawn to the elected Species I. Claims 21-24 are dependent upon independent Claim 1. New independent Claim 25 is similar in scope to Claim 1. Claim 26 is dependent upon Claim 25.

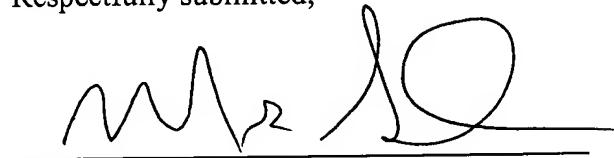
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